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OPERATION OF SOI DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 (Paper No. 17), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) In a circuit comprising a plurality of SOI devices, wherein each of the plurality of SOI devices has a body, a method for enhancing the performance of the circuit, the method comprising the step of:

selectively grounding the body of at least one of the plurality of SOI devices to dissipate an electric charge accumulated in the body of the at least one of the plurality of SOI devices before accessing said SOI devices.